

## BOSTON TAKEN BY STORM

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TAKE FULL  
POSSESSION OF THE HUB CITY.Early Morning Scenes Were Inspiring—  
The Parade Was a Grand One—Grand  
Master McCurdy's Address—Other Events  
in the Big Conclave.

Boston, Aug. 27.—To-day witnessed a very prominent event in the great Knights Templar convocation in this city—the monster parade. All conditions were auspicious for the demonstration. The sun's rays were obscured by a thick haze and a refreshing westerly breeze tempered the summer heat.

The early morning scenes in the city streets were inspiring. Tens of thousands of Knights Templar, resplendent in uniform and regalia, were hastening hither and thither to join their commanderies in preparation for the march. Early morning trains and street cars poured over tens of thousands of visitors from surrounding places into Boston's already overcrowded thoroughfares.

Boston has seldom, if ever, been so elaborately decorated. Practically every building along the line of march, besides many of the side streets, is clothed in color, with appropriate mottoes and Masonic emblems, intertwined with streamers and bunting. The elaborate dressing has been the admiration of the arriving multitudes for several days. This morning uniforms, flags and badges on the streets rivalled the bunting overhead in vividness of hue. The notes everywhere were of joyfulness and celebration. Prater everywhere greeted frater cordially. The color and movement and music made the city a brilliant, dashing picture of life, with its crowded sidewalks, its long lines of orderly moving street cars, its smiles of windows, story above story, filled with eager spectators, its numerous observation stands, some of them of enormous proportions, early crowded with occupants and resembling, with open spaces beneath, vast amphitheatres filled with an expectant populace.

The slight cloud cast over the event by the action of St. John's commandery of Providence was cleared away by their final consent to march, and the greatest pageant seen in Boston's streets since the high water mark of Grand Army procession of 1890 began formation in thirteen divisions at 9 a. m.

The column was reviewed at Columbus square by M. W. E. B. Holmes, grand master of Masons in Massachusetts; at Blackstone square on Washington street by the M. E. grand master, Hugh McCurdy, and the officers and members of the grand encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, and His Excellency Governor Greenhalge; and at Adams square on Washington street by R. E. Sir S. C. Lawrence, grand commander of the grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and chief marshal of the parade, and Sir E. U. Curtis, mayor of the city of Boston.

When the grand parade was over another procession was formed in Adams square. This consisted of the first division, headed by the grand commander of the grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and his entire staff, and by them the grand master was escorted from Adams square to the Masonic temple, where the convocation was formally opened.

Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Hugh McCurdy, in welcoming the sir knights to the convocation, gave them "glad tidings of peace and prosperity from all parts of the Templar kingdom—tidings of a largely increased membership, of more devotion to Masonic life and of greater enthusiasm in our work." Under these favorable prospects they had assembled at "the front door of America—the American Athens"—where the very atmosphere is "laden with the spirit of all that gives life and permanency to civility," "where American liberty raised its first voice and where its faith was nurtured and sustained." After further compliments to Boston, and a feeling personal tribute to the memory of the distinguished dead of the order, the grand master continued, in part, as follows:

"We have, sir knights, a noble order of historic names. We have a record of growth of which we may be justly proud. In 1816, when this grand body was formed, there were only eight commanderies—or encampments, as they were then called—only 500 Knights Templar in the United States. Now we have a membership of 110,000; 40 grand commanderies, having under their immediate jurisdiction 920 subordinate commanderies. Besides these, there are under the jurisdiction of this grand body 20 subordinate commanderies.

"Our asylums are erected in every state and territory save Alaska. And this grand encampment has also established an asylum and erected a temple and shrine in Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. Surely our order has not yet reached the fulness of its glory and helpfulness, and its course must continue upward and onward in fellowship and harmony, with the age and the lofty principles of Him whom we all acknowledge as our Lord and Master, Immanuel—God with us. That is our watchword.

"While we accumulate silver and gold and build homes, and call them after our names, let us not forget that the only accumulation that will defy the corruption of the moth—the corroding of rust—is that which we are building in the lives of our fellow men as they toll on in their pilgrimage here. Templarism is in this world because the world needs Templarism. We are all weary pilgrims. May God hasten the time even in this life when it shall be said that they shall hunger and thirst no more, neither shall the

sun light upon them nor heat, for the Godman shall feed them. He shall lead them unto fountains of living waters. The golden age of Templarism is not in the past, but in the future. Let all the ends you aim at be your country's, your God's and truth's.

"And now, my fraters, standing as I do for the last time in this relation to your presence, about to surrender forever the exalted position which for years it was my high ambition to occupy, if you have found anything in me personal, mercenary, selfish, unworthy the noble Templar ideal, forgive it, forget it. If in me you have found devotion to a lofty purpose, imitate it, better it. With profound gratitude to Almighty God for His tender mercies, with a God bless you for each and every one of my loyal associates for their faithful service, and a God speed you for him who shall succeed me, I retire."

## CONNECTICUT KNIGHTS.

Grand commandery of Connecticut is quartered at the Copley Square hotel, Deputy Grand Commander L. H. Johnson of New Haven stated that the grand lodge officers arrived at 4:30 yesterday by way of the Consolidated road. At No. 3 are quartered the grand officers, including Hugh Stirling of Bridgeport, grand commander; S. M. Bronson, grand generalissimo; W. E. Risley, grand prelate; D. S. Card, grand standard bearer; Eli C. Birdsey of Meriden, grand recorder and past grand commander; Fred A. Spencer of Waterbury, grand inspector and past grand commander. Other past grand commanders with the part are Messrs. F. H. Parmelee, Billings, Higbee, Woodward, Seeley, Lines (who is grand treasurer of the United States grand commandery), Waldron, G. H. Wilson, Lippert, and C. B. Webb.

The Connecticut Grand commandery was disappointed by being obliged to take other quarters than those for which it had contracted, and so finds itself in quarters smaller than it has been accustomed to occupy at the convocations. The failure of the place originally selected and contracted for to keep its contract was the cause of much inconvenience.

The grand officers have with them a beautiful supply of convocation's most famous production, and distribute among their callers nutmegs made of the best quality of well seasoned hickory, and mention was made of a certain brand of wooden hams so perfect that they were half consumed before their true inwardness was discovered. The quarters are ornamented by five striking banners, which prove upon examination to be made up of exchange badges, brought home as souvenirs from the various convocations attended in years past. One represented happy members of the convocation of 1889 at Washington, and another of the "Silver Triennial" at Denver.

## CONNECTICUT IN PARADE.

The position assigned to the Connecticut grand commandery and subordinates was in the sixth division following the New Hampshire knights, led by Eminent Sir John Hatch, grand generalissimo grand commandery of New Hampshire, chief of division. The marching orders of the Connecticut commanderies were:

Grand commandery, Connecticut, R. E. Sir Hugh Stirling, Bridgeport, grand commander; V. E. Sir Lyman H. Johnson, New Haven, deputy grand commander; E. Sir Samuel M. Bronson, Hartford, grand generalissimo; E. Sir William E. Withy, New London, grand captain general.

Commanderies: Washington, Hartford, E. Sir Edward Mahl; New Haven, New Haven, E. Sir Willis Mix; Columbian, Norwich, E. Sir Charles W. Gale; Hamilton, Bridgeport, E. Sir John Johnston; Palestine, New London, E. Sir G. M. Long; Clark, Middletown, E. Sir Revilo C. Markham; St. Elmo, Meriden, E. Sir John W. Mit; Crusader, Danbury, E. Sir A. C. Hubbard.

The Connecticut boys made a splendid appearance. GRAND COMMANDER STIRLING. Hugh Stirling of Bridgeport, grand commander of the grand commandery of Connecticut, was born in London, England, January 16, 1848, and was the third son of Hugh Stirling, a native of Fife, Scotland. Mr. Stirling's parents came to America in 1856, and settled in Bridgeport. In 1856 he started his present mattress factory. For four years he served his city as police commissioner and two as a member of the council.

He was made a master Mason in St. John's lodge, No. 3, Bridgeport, September 1, 1869. In 1886 he was elected grand sentinel in the grand commandery and has regularly advanced to the office of grand commander.

Last night the Wheeler &amp; Wilson band gave a grand concert on the reviewing stand at Blackstone square, in front of the headquarters of Hamilton commandery.

Sir Knight George M. Hubbell of Bridgeport left a sick bed to accompany Hamilton commandery on its pilgrimage. By the advice of his physician, Dr. Hoag, he did not appear in the parade to-day. He is rapidly recovering from his rather severe illness.

It was 6 o'clock before the triennial convocation was opened in Masonic Temple, whither the grand officers, together with Governor Greenhalge, Mayor Curtis and other dignitaries repaired as soon as the last division had passed the reviewing stand in Adams Square. Grand Master Hugh McCurdy called the gathering to order and the impressive devotional service was performed by Grand Prelate Rev. Joseph McGrath, after which E. M. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, grand commander of the grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, delivered an address of welcome and then Mayor Curtis was introduced and extended an address of welcome on behalf of the city.

Governor Greenhalge followed, speaking for the commonwealth in a particularly happy vein. Then Grand Master McCurdy responded.

The roll was then called and the convocation adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Notwithstanding the great crowds on the streets the number of accidents has been small and with two exceptions, which were not directly traceable to the big parade, the results have not been serious. Two children in different portions of the city were run over by heavy teams and killed, the driver in one instance being placed under arrest.

The police report that they have never before been called upon to handle so large a gathering of humanity and with very rare exceptions there has been little reason to complain of the work performed by them.

The Red Cross arrangements for prompt medical attendance in case of casualties along the line were admirable, but the attaches did not report a single fatality and but one or two cases that were any way serious.

During the latter part of the afternoon and into the night the rush of knights and sightseers was something tremendous and every steam railroad line and electric line was taxed to the utmost to convey the vast throngs. Of course the commanderies from outside New England will to a great extent remain here several days longer and their headquarters are the scenes of joviality and good fellowship from early morning till early the next morning. California, Ohio and Pennsylvania seem to stand at the top of the list of generous entertainers.

## ON THE BALL FIELD.

Results of the Games in the Big League Yesterday.

At Washington—Two games were played here to-day, the Chicago's winning the first, which was an eleven inning contest, and the second being called on account of darkness at the end of the seventh inning, when the score was a tie. Both Hutchinson and Anderson pitched good ball in the first game. Joe Corbett, a brother of the champion pugilist, pitched for the home team in the second and did creditable work. Kittredge made a home run in the first game and Anson made one in the second. The score:

First game—  
Washington.....1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 4  
Chicago.....0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 5  
Hits—Washington 12, Chicago 12. Errors—Washington 2, Chicago 3. Batteries—Anderson and McGuire; Hutchinson and Kittredge.Second game—  
Washington.....0 5 0 1 0 0 0 6  
Chicago.....1 0 0 3 0 0 0 6  
Hits—Washington 8, Chicago 10. Errors—Washington 2, Chicago 2. Batteries—Corbett and McGuire; Dolan and Donahue.

At New York—The New Yorks were beaten by the Louisvilles to-day, chiefly because of the poor umpiring of Joyce, who called two men out at the plate when they were clearly safe. The visitors rolled up seven runs in the first two innings. McKinnis' weak pitching was to blame. But after that the big fellow pitched fine ball. The New Yorks played a plucky up-hill game. The score:

New York.....0 3 2 0 0 2 0 0 7  
Louisville.....4 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 8  
Hits—New York 10, Louisville 10. Errors—New York 1, Louisville 5. Batteries—McKinnis and Wilson; Inks and Warner.

At Boston—The Bostonians won their third straight game over the Pittsburghs at the South end to-day, mainly through poor fielding on the part of their opponents. The Bostonians batted hard after there were chances to retire the side in their best innings. The second base playing of Long, the fielding of Duffy, Tucker and McCarthy, and the batting of Duffy, Bannon and Nyce and Donovan were the features. The score:

Boston.....0 1 4 0 0 2 4 2 \*13  
Pittsburgh.....2 1 0 0 0 0 5 0 0 8  
Hits—Boston 14, Pittsburgh 9. Errors—Boston 3, Pittsburgh 8. Batteries—Stivett and Gangel; Hart and Merritt. At Philadelphia—Cleveland defeated Philadelphia to-day and thereby won the series. The score:Philadelphia 2 3 0 1 0 0 0 0 6  
Cleveland.....4 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 7  
Hits—Philadelphia 7, Cleveland 14. Errors—Philadelphia 2, Cleveland 2. Batteries—Carey and Clements; Knell, Cuddy and Zimmer.

At Baltimore—McMahon scored his third shut out since his recent return to the ranks. The score:

Baltimore.....0 0 0 2 2 0 1 0 \*10  
Cincinnati.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Hits—Baltimore 17, Cincinnati 5. Errors—Baltimore 1, Cincinnati 4. Batteries—McMahon and Robinson; Dwyer and Vaughn.

At London—The Amateur baseball team defeated the Walker club at Newcote to-day. The Walkers fielded finely, but in batting and pitching the Bostonians showed themselves much superior to the home players. Boston 8, Walkers 4.

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn won their tenth straight. After five runs had been scored in the second inning Ehret replaced Knissinger. Until the sixth inning Ehret was effective. The Brooklyn then pounded his delivery for eight hits, earning seven runs. Gumbert pitched seven innings. The score:

Brooklyn.....0 4 0 0 0 7 0 0 \*12  
St. Louis.....0 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 5  
Hits—Brooklyn 19, St. Louis 7. Errors—Brooklyn 2, St. Louis 1. Batteries—Gumbert, Cronin and Burrell; Knissinger, Ehret and Peitz.

## P. O. S. of A.

Washington camp, No. 4, P. O. S. of A., held their regular meeting last evening. It was voted to give a stag trolley ride to Woodmont on September 10, and to invite camps Nos. 1 and 8. There will be a grand banquet at Woodmont, and all the state officers will be there. Camp No. 9, of New Britain, has also been invited.

## SAVIN ROCK SURPRISES

YESTERDAY WAS AN EVENTFUL  
DAY AT THE RESORT.

The Thomas Place Raided and Several Trillies Pulled In—rouble in the Italian's Corn Patch—Arrested for Sunday Liquor Selling—Denial of the Charges by Several Restaurants.

It was a day of surprises at Savin Rock yesterday, and among the surprised were the aeronaut, the many saloon keepers and the other merchants who inhabit the place. The program of the day was inaugurated at a very early hour by the descent of the police upon a notorious resort kept by George Stetson just back of Grove street.

This house, known heretofore as the Thomas place, has been quite prominent as a resort for the Trillies of the shore, and the sounds of revelry emanating therefrom at about 1 o'clock yesterday morning attracted the attention of the police on duty there and it was resolved to raid the place.

Officers McDonald, Russell, Dailey and Johnson formed themselves into an attacking party and swooped down upon the place. In the several rooms of the mansion they captured nine people, including the proprietor and his wife, and all were escorted to the lockup. There they all gave various names, amongst which Jones, Brown and Smith predominated, and all were let go upon small bonds to appear before the borough court this morning. The chief disturber seemed to be Jennie Barnes, who with a piano player at the shore precipitated the raid. All the participants are well known habitués of the Rock.

There was a large picnic from New Britain at the grove yesterday and the first attraction was a ball game between the Graham Hook and Ladder team and the Elm City club. The Grahams played a very timid game and were defeated by a score of 12 to 9.

A balloon ascension was announced for 4 o'clock and shortly after one of the Jewell brothers made a very successful ascent. His route to the height of 3,500 feet and then out loose the parachute, and after a graceful fall he alighted in a corn field on Savin avenue owned by an Italian.

As the Italian saw the huge mushroom-like structure settling in his garden he and his wife armed themselves with knives and sallied out to attack the rash aeronaut, who had dared to invade their domain.

Mr. Jewell explained the matter to the excited crowd. His route to the height of 3,500 feet and then out loose the parachute, and after a graceful fall he alighted in a corn field on Savin avenue owned by an Italian.

When Mr. Jewell returned to the grove he found Deputy Sheriff Wheeler awaiting him with a bill for services from the man who had rescued the parachute from the water on a previous ascension. The matter was soon amicably settled, as Mr. Jewell had never received any bill for services and the big balloon was not attached.

Then Deputy Sheriff Wheeler hauled a big batch of warrants out of his pocket and proceeded to make it very interesting for the saloon keepers. He first visited E. Raffie's and served a warrant charging him with having his place open for the sale of liquors on Sunday, August 4. He then visited Charles Duffy's place in Miller's pavilion and served the same summons.

It was rumored that other places were to be closed with Sunday selling, but up to a late hour these are the only two places that are definitely known to be so charged.

Inquiry at the Twitchell house, at Moegling's, McGinn's and Curran's shore restaurant elicited a denial from the proprietors that they had done any Sunday business and they did not expect any interference from the authorities.

Mr. Moegling of the Germania house stated that he had been particularly even in the matter of furnishing liquor with meals ordered at his house, and had only served regular boarders. Mr. Speh of the Sea View hotel said he had never sold a drink on Sunday and the idea of prosecuting him was all nonsense. Proprietor Twitchell of the Twitchell house and Frank McGinn were also very emphatic in their denials of doing Sunday business, and stated that there had not a drink been sold in their place on Sunday.

Mr. Raffie stated that on Sunday he was in question, August 4, he was sick and his place was absolutely closed all day.

A prominent West Haven police official said to a reporter: "I think the present season has been the most quiet and orderly ever known on the shore, and it is entirely due to the regular police force, and no outsiders have been called in to assist us. There has been very little liquor sold but we have been brought to account within a day or two."

## ELKS' DAY AT SAVIN ROCK NEXT FRIDAY.

The committee on Elks' day at Savin Rock on Friday of this week are making great preparations to entertain their friends.

The committee announce that they are in correspondence with Richard Mansfield, James O'Neill, Francis Wilson, Press Eldridge and other theatrical stars, intending that each in turn shall act as umpire for the game of baseball, which will be played.

The respective teams will be largely made up of Bridgeport lodge of Elks, E. P. O. E. No. 36, and the New Haven lodge, B. P. O. E. No. 25. The New Haven team has secured the services of Thomas Leahy, the famous catcher for the winning Springfield team; Charles O'Neill, pitcher; William Dunn, first base; William Daughan, second base; Thomas Judd, third base; Edward Sparks, shortstop; Max

## FIRST SPIN BY VALKYRIE.

Apprehension Aroused as to the America's Cup Safety.

New York, Aug. 27.—The Valkyrie III took her first spin under racing canvas in American waters this afternoon and while the manner in which she was handled made it impossible to obtain a positive line on her abilities enough was shown to arouse some apprehension as to the safety of the America's cup, particularly if there happen to be light winds and smooth sea on the international race days. Unfavorable weather prevented the Valkyrie from leaving her anchorage in the Horseshoe early in the day. In the afternoon the darkness was dispelled by a southwest wind and at 1 o'clock the Valkyrie's jib and staysail were sent up in stow. The Vigilant was anchored a quarter of a mile inshore from the British yacht. Her main sail was sent up, and when at 2:20 p. m. the Valkyrie's mainsail began to go up, the Vigilant pulled up her mud hook, shook out her jib and stood toward Atlantic Highlands.

When at 2:40 o'clock, the mainsail of the Britisher was abashed, home the Vigilant went and sailed past her under mainsail, working topsail, jib and staysail. The Atlanta arrived at this juncture, and Mr. Gould went from her to the Vigilant. Standing near the wheel he directed the sailing of the yacht. At 3:05 the Valkyrie slipped her moorings and under jibstaysail and mainsail started on her trial spit. She had as an escort several tugs with newspapermen aboard, the steam yacht Peerless and the police boat Patrol.

The low black hull of the Valkyrie glided through the water in a witch-like way the instant her head eddies were broken out, although the wind then was less than ten knots, and no top-sails were used. Valkyrie's canvas was entirely new and the three sails fitted almost perfectly.

The jib was without the club, used by both Defender and Vigilant. The mainsail, though enormous in size, had only a few small wrinkles, which will disappear in a few days' straining. The jib was lefty at peak and throat, then Vigilant's and also longer at the foot. There was but a slight sag to the long steel boom, and the spar seemed to be a big advantage over a wooden one. When the Valkyrie got under way she headed for the main ship canal, leading out toward the ocean where the international races are held. Cranfield was at the tiller and Captain Sycamore assisted him. The Vigilant was standing in toward the Valkyrie, but went about just before the two yachts met, and took the same course. Valkyrie was sailing toward the open water. The wind had freshened to fifteen knots and was growing stronger every minute. The fleet of tugs had all they could do to keep the pace set by the two yachts. Both were on a broad reach with booms to port. The Vigilant led by about four cable lengths, and the impromptu race was on.

The Vigilant had the advantage of carrying a gaff topsail, while the Britisher had none. The latter, however, as much as the Vigilant, heeled over fully as much as the Vigilant, but tore through the water at a tremendous speed. Her lee rail was buried nearly a foot at times and her bow threw up a larger wave than Vigilant's. The overhang aft dragged water more than that of the centerboard and the Englishman clearly made the more fuss of the two.

Vigilant was the stiffer and got through the water cleaner, but the question as to which was going the fastest cannot be answered, for after five minutes of the bluish Valkyrie round to and headed back over her own track.

She had just reached the point of the Hook and the broad Atlantic lay beyond, when a breeze of eighteen knots came up and no sea to speak of. The conditions were right for a spin outside, but it was plain that the people on the Valkyrie did not care to give any one a chance to get a line on the line in comparison with Vigilant.

The Valkyrie went about in a way that suggested one of the little haters. One swing of the tiller and the boat as if it were a pivot. After describing the Vigilant the Valkyrie tacked to Southwest Spit and reached up the main ship channel to Can Buoy No. 12, off Port Monmouth. Judging her gait from that of the United Press tug, the yacht was doing twelve knots. Going about again the Valkyrie ran down the channel and out to the point of the Hook. Then when every one guessed she was off for a sail outside where the Vigilant was still cruising, down went her helm and she raced back inside the Hook. At 3:35 she was in the Horseshoe and her staysail came down. At 4:15 she reached her moorings and the jib was taken in and the mainsail lowered.

During her maneuvering the Valkyrie never held a straight course for ten minutes at a time. The Valkyrie's performances to-day removed all doubt as to her ability to go wonderfully fast in light winds. She showed a marvellous quickness in stays and she carried better fitting canvas than the American's. On the other hand she showed signs of tenderness and she made more fuss in the water than either Defender or Vigilant. Her behavior indicated that Lord Dunraven has built a light weather boat, and that he is speculating on the chances of racing in a wind of fifteen knots or less. The tremendous power obtained from her large sail spread drives her hull through the water at a great pace, but in much of a blow or in thrash to windward, in a nasty, the indications are that the Valkyrie would not hold her own with Defender.

After to-day's spin Mr. Glennie was asked if everything was right. He said it was and that the Valkyrie would take another spin to-morrow.

Lord Dunraven and party are due on the Teutonic to-morrow.

The Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science elected William R. Lowrey of Columbus, O., president and C. S. Plumb of Lafayette, Ind., secretary and treasurer and completed their sessions.

The new art museum will be opened to-morrow evening by a reception to the visiting scientists.

The botanical society of America, which was organized at Brooklyn last year and includes only botanists of recognized ability began its first regular meeting to-day. Professor William Trelease of St. Louis, president, in the chair, and elected these officers:

President, C. S. Bessey of the University of Nebraska; vice president, W. P. Wilson of Philadelphia; secretary, C. R. Barnes of the University of Wisconsin; treasurer, Arthur Hollick of Columbia college. The reading of papers will begin to-morrow.

The George Walter Vincent Smith collection will for the first time be open to inspection, comprising paintings, sculpture, ceramics, Japanese curios, tapestries, bronzes, vases, coins and all manner of art curios.

An Incendiary Fire. Fitchburg, Mass., Aug. 27.—Joel A. Hayward's house, barn and outbuildings with farming tools, etc., were burned in Ashby this morning. The fire is thought to have been set by a hired man. Loss, \$4,000. Insured, \$10,000.

## TO IMPROVE TOWN ROADS

SELECTMEN TO CHOOSE THE ROAD TO BE IMPROVED.

Advantage to be Taken of the New Law—Various Highways Proposed—Must Set Back Trolley Poles—A Bounty Claim—Other Notes From the Selectmen's Meeting.

There was a meeting of the board of selectmen last night and the first business in hand was the selection of the road which was to be improved under the new law, which places the cost of such improvement equally on town, county, and state. The sum of \$3,000 is to be expended and Selectman Brown favored the improvement of some road in Westville. Town Agent Baldwin stated that it would take two days of constant traveling to decide which road would be the best to put in good condition.

It was finally decided for the board to take a trip next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and decide which road should be operated upon.

By a vote of the board the trolley poles upon Tomlinson bridge and approaches must be set back in line with the railing.

The second petition from a veteran for a back bounty was received from Andrew J. Barnes, a soldier who enlisted in 1862, served throughout the war and never received a cent of his bounty, due. His claim amounts to \$1,255.12, and he is represented by Deming &amp; Tuttle. The claim was referred to the finance committee.

Selectman Cunningham stated that he understood that Town Agent Baldwin had ordered work stopped on the sea wall near Tomlinson bridge without consulting the road and bridge committee.

Mr. Baldwin stated that such was the case and that he had stopped the work after a conference with the city engineer, when it was decided that it was for the best interests of the town that the work should cease for the present.

Every member of the board was present at the meeting, and at 9:15 the board adjourned.

## BOTH FOUGHT HARD.

A Most Interesting Battle Between Griffin and George Dixon.

Boston, Aug. 27.—George Dixon, champion featherweight of the world, this evening at the West Newton street got a decision over Johnny Griffin club after a stubborn battle lasting twenty-five rounds. At the conclusion of the twenty-fifth round both were as fresh as when they entered, but owing to an agreement made by the men before the fight that a decision should be given, Dixon was declared the winner on points. The police were present in force, but no occasion to interfere. Dixon showed himself to be Griffin's superior in every respect. The latter's pluck in taking punishment was admired by the spectators.

In the second round Dixon got Griffin's nose to bleeding. He continually swung his left for Griffin's jaw and landed frequently, Griffin being quite groggy in the fourth round. In the seventh round Griffin was more successful in meeting Dixon's swings and got in some telling blows, making Dixon more cautious.

In the ninth Dixon made a regular chopping block of Griffin and the latter went to his corner breathing hard, Griffin got in but one blow in this round.

In the thirteenth and fourteenth Griffin rallied and did some effective work. In the seventeenth Griffin received a stinging blow. The eighteenth was slightly in Griffin's favor, who landed frequently on Dixon's face and neck. Griffin appeared the fresher, in the next two rounds Griffin appeared to advance, while both men seemed fresh. Griffin forced matters in the twenty-first round, and the round was decidedly in his favor. In the twenty-second only an occasional blow was struck. Dixon sent in two straight lefts on Griffin's jaw in the twenty-third, and had the best of the round. Both fought cautiously in the twenty-fourth, and no hard work was done. When the twenty-fifth was called the men went at one another fiercely.

Among the Societies. Fifty-eight names were on the list of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's association to go to Hartford next month. A meeting will be held again on Monday night.

Ezel lodge, K. of P., conferred the rank of esquire and knight upon two candidates last evening.

Beacon lodge, N. E. O. P., contemplates a visit to Princess lodge of Branford.

Voted to Call a Meeting. Waterbury, Aug. 27.—At a meeting of the Waterbury Driving association directors this evening it was voted to call off the meeting that was proposed to be held here early in September. There had been but thirty entries received for the six classes and the meeting was declared off by the directors, who feared that to attempt it would mean a financial failure.

Reception to Governor McKinley. Hartford, Aug. 27.—A meeting of the citizens was held at the city hall this afternoon for the purpose of taking steps to arrange for a reception of Governor McKinley and the party that will accompany him on his visit to this city next month from Ohio. It was decided to write to the Ohioans regarding the number expected. The reception will be given in the senate chamber at the capitol.